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Review of United Nations activities in the area of public administration

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Committee of Experts on Public Administration has before it for its consideration a note by the Secretary-General on the preparation of the strategic framework for the period 2006-2007. In this connection, attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 58/269 of 23 December 2003, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare for submission to it at its fifty-ninth session a strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007, comprising part one: plan outline, and part two: biennial programme plan, which would replace the four-year medium-term plan.

2. The attention of the Committee is drawn to rule 104.6 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8):

> "The Secretary-General shall take appropriate measures to submit proposals to the sectoral, functional and regional bodies, to enable them to review the relevant portions of the medium-term plan or its revisions with a view to facilitating their consideration by the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the General Assembly."

3. The Committee is invited to review the proposed biennial programme plan for the subprogramme on public administration and development contained in the annex to the present note and to provide its comments thereon to the Secretary-General. The biennial programme plan, modified as appropriate, will be submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-fourth session. Its recommendations will be transmitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session. Also included in the annex are the legislative mandates for the subprogramme.

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Annex

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007

Part two: biennial programme plan

Programme 7
Economic and social affairs

Subprogramme 8
Public administration, finance and development

Objective: To promote efficient, accountable, participatory and transparent public administration for the attainment of internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and in the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences.

Expected accomplishments	Indicators of achievement
(a) Effective intergovernmental debate on emerging issues and challenges in the field of public administration and socio-economic governance are facilitated	(a) References, recommendations and decisions found in reports, declarations and resolutions aiming to facilitate intergovernmental dialogue and coordinate activities in the area of public administration, socio-economic governance and knowledge management
(b) Improved and timely access to data, analytical and policy tools, information, experiences and good practices in public administration	(b) (i) Increased number of visits to and downloads from the United Nations Online Network in Public Administration and Finance;
	(b) (ii) The number of positive evaluations and appreciation letters from the participants on the relevance and timeliness of the conferences, meetings, seminars, etc. conducted
(c) Strengthened institutional, technical and human resources capacity of national and subnational public administrations for improved public service delivery	(c) Number of methodological and technical recommendations implemented by Member States as a result of advisory services and technical cooperation projects
(d) Strengthened networks of organizations, policy makers and experts active in the area of public administration to facilitate cooperation, exchanges and mutual support in the process of modernizing public administration	(d) Increased number of network participants

Strategy

The Division for Public Administration and Development Management is responsible for the subprogramme. The strategy is based on an integrated approach comprising advocacy, provision of substantive support to relevant intergovernmental bodies, analytical work, advisory services, technical cooperation and training, dissemination of best practices and experiences, information-sharing and network-building. It is aimed at:

- Promoting greater awareness, common approaches and innovative policy options among Member States on issues of public administration
- Strengthening capacities of socio-economic governance institutions, including human resources, for the development of sound public policies, the design of public programmes and the effective delivery of social services
- Promoting innovation, diversity, professionalism and ethical standards in the public sector

Legislative mandate

General Assembly resolutions

49/136	Public administration and development
50/225	Public administration and development
55/2	United Nations Millennium Declaration
55/61	An effective international legal instrument against corruption
55/279	Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010
57/144	Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit
57/247	Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy
57/270 B	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields
58/13	Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies
58/130	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly
58/202	International financial system and development
58/207	Human resources development
58/220	Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries
58/222	Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)
58/230	Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development

58/231 Public administration and development

58/269 Strengthening of the United Nations system: an agenda for further change

Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions

2000/231 Recommendations made by the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance at its fifteenth meeting

2001/45 Restructuring and revitalization of the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance

2002/40 Public administration and development

2003/6 The role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

2003/60 Public administration and development

Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions

2002/1 Strengthening further the Economic and Social Council, building on its recent achievements, to help it fulfil the role assigned to it in the Charter of the United Nations as contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration